

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Title: VIDEO GAMING APPARATUS FOR WAGERING WITH

UNIVERSAL COMPUTERIZED CONTROLLER AND I/O INTERFACE FOR UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE

U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicants are preparing drawings to correct the asserted deficiencies raised under 37 C.F.R. 1.81(b) without the introduction of any new matter.

Objection to the Abstract

Applicant submitted a new abstract to overcome this objection in the previous response. The objection was not repeated and has been assumed to be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification and Rejection of Claim 18 Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First and Second Paragraphs

The Office Action mailed April 20, 2001 has somewhat modified the issue basis for this objection. The original bases for this objection set forth in the Office Action mailed December 4, 2000 were as follows, with the resolution shown in parentheses and in bold type:

- 1) The objection asserts that the specification "describes the system in generic terms that would apply to any effort to engineer such a system. Hence a great amount of experimentation would be required to recreate the apparatus." **(This issue has been modified as shown in section 4) below**
- 2) The specification describes several embodiments, but does not clearly define a single best mode of the invention. **(This issue has been dropped)**.
- 3) The specification fails to define the "universal" quality of the disclosed invention. **(This issue has been dropped)**.

The new issues are described in the Office Action as:

- 4) "The specification describes a system using commercially available components to replace a custom game controller with a generic controller based on a computer (PC) platform. However, the system describes custom components to interface with the original game machine hardware... These interface components are not described in sufficient detail to allow one skilled in the art to recreate the claimed invention without undue experimentation."